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Applicants' amendment dated 11/14/2003 has been received and entered.

The reply filed on 11/14/2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicants stated that claims 8, 9, 17 and 21 have been cancelled (see Remarks), while such claims 8, 9 and 17 are still pending in the application as amended (see pages 7, 8 and 13). Therefore, such Applicants' contention is confusing and unclear whether claims 8, 9 and 17 are still in the application or canceled. A confirmation of such above claims will be needed for examining. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment.

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